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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DIKEOS AND
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS FROM AMBASSADOR

KARCHI FOR RSS GARRETT

NEW DELHI FOR RSO SPAULDING

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR REINSTITUTION OF SECURITY OFFICER POSITION

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1. AS YOU KNOW, WE RELUCTANTLY ACQUIESCED IN THE WITHDRAWAL
OF OUR SECURITY OFFICER AT THE END OF 1974 SINCE WE COULD
NOT REALISTICALLY ARGUE THAT A GREATER NEED EXISTED THAN IN
DAMASCUS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED THE ASSIGNMENT OF
OUR FORMER SY MAN. NOW THE SHOE IS ON THE OTHER FOOT. I
KNOW I DO NOT NEED TO MAKE THE CASE TO YOU, AGAINST THE
BACKGROUND OF THE THREE COUPS AND BLOODSHED WE HAVE HAD
HERE IN THE PAST FIVE MONTHS, THAT WE HAVE ONE OF THE MOST
FRAGILE POLITICAL SITUATIONS IN THE WORLD AND THAT THE
DANGER OF A SERIOUS BREAKDOWN IN LAW AND ORDER AND OF
TERRORISM IS UNCOMFORTABLY HIGH.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY RECOGNIZED THIS NEED BY
SENDING THE REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR AND MR. LAFRANCHI
HERE AND WE HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THEIR HELP AND ADVICE,
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MOST PARTICULARLY LAFRANCHI'S IN RECENT WEEKS. BUT THE
IMPROVEMENTS HE HAS MADE HAVE BEEN A REMINDER TO US

THAT WHAT WE NEED AT THIS POINT IS A FULL-TIME SECURITY OFFICER. IRV CHESLAW WILL BE IN THE DEPARTMENT SHORTLY (FEBRUARY 5-12) FOR CONSULTATION AND WILL BE PURSING THIS REQUEST WITH YOU.

3. WE ALSO HOPE THAT IS WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR LAFRANCHI TO REMAIN HERE UNTIL AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, DUE IN ON MARCH 16, FOR A WEEKS' OVERLAP. I MIGHT SAY IN THIS CONNECTION THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN IMPRESSED BOTH BY LAFRANCHI'S PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AN BY HIS ADAPTABILITY TO DACCA. SO IF IT WERE TO FIT IN WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATIONS, WE WOULD BE PARTICULARY PLEASED TO SEE HIS ASSIGNED AS RSO IF OUR REQUEST FOR REINSTITUTION OF THIS POSITION IS APPROVED.

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